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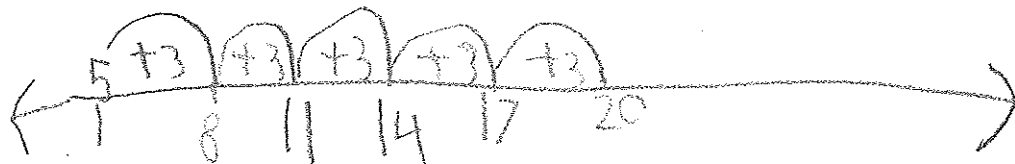
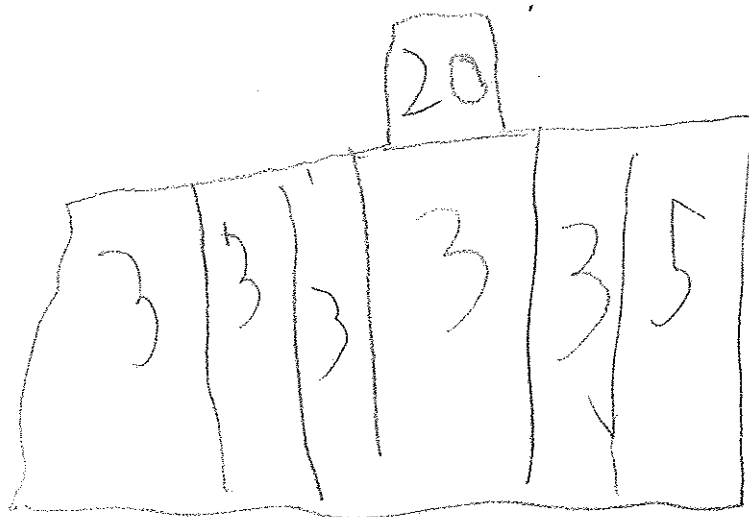
How many pieces of candy did Claire have after giving the clerk her 20 cents?

Claire will buy 5 pieces

of candies because $5 + 3 = 8$

and $8 + 3 = 11$ so $11 + 3 = 14$ $14 + 3 = 17$ so

$17 + 3 = 20$.

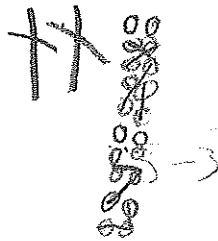


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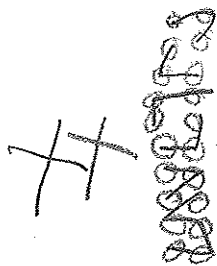
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$$10 - 5 = 5 - 3 = 2 -$$

$$12 - 3 = 9 - 6$$



$$1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6$$

I made 20 in tens and ones because I know she has 20 cents so I crossed out 5 because I know that her first piece is 5 cents then I crossed out 3 cents and I kept crossing out 3 cents until she spent all the money and my answer is 6 pieces of candy.